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Of interest to friends here will be the following letter from Pvt. R. N. Cragg, formerly of this city, to his mother, Mrs. P. A. Cragg, now of St. Peters, Penna.:

"On the Verdun Front.

"To-day we had a service here in the barracks. A Presbyterian minister came here and gave a sermon on the 'Joys of Christmas.' One of the boys translated it as he went along. It was fine. After the service we had communion. It was one I will never forget. For bread we used the French war bread, and for wine what the French call Pinard. It is the army issue, red wine. We all enjoyed it, as it was the first communion since we landed or, in fact, since we set sail on that terrible voyage.

"We have one of the most interesting 'poste secure' one could ever think of. It is built in a big cliff. It was once held and, in fact, built by the Boche. There are eight or ten large rooms in it, all electrically lighted. Of course the lights are lighted day and night and this is necessary, for the nearest room is at least 50 feet from the entrance. It is safe, as there is 35 or 40 feet of solid rock above us. There is a fine dynamo room with a German dynamo, run by a German aeroplane engine for its power, just as they used it when they occupied it.

"I had a rather thrilling experience there the other night. Just as I was putting some 'blesses' (wounded) in my ambulance, the Boche sent over five shells, which broke just over our heads. I had already put two sitting patients in my car when it happened. Of course I put the other three in the 'aubie' (I had five patients, and only one was able to walk), and we all went into the 'poste,' where we put on our gas masks and waited 15 or 20 minutes till the gas blew away. Then I loaded up and we went on to the hospital.

"Here is another I had up near there one nice moonlight night a short time ago. I was going from the 'poste' to the hospital with one 'couche,' lying patient and two sitting patients in back, also one on the seat with me. We were

going along the road about as fast as a Ford (We use Fords for front line work) can go, when a large shell exploded about 200 yards in front of me, square in the middle of the road. I stopped the car and ran up to the hole and found I could not pass, so got back to the car and blew my horn considerably. A gang of 'Genie' (French engineers) came out of an 'aubie' and started filling in the hole. It was a matter of about 10 minutes (but I was frightened, for I expected another shell most any minute) when they had the hole filled in within about a foot of the top. I then drove over it and proceeded toward the hospital with much relief to my patients and myself. It is hard sometimes, but we have to stick to our cars and our patients and carry them O. K.

"I have bought me a steel chain coat of mail. It goes on like a vest and protects the body. Also, of course, I have a steel helmet and gas mask, so am real safe.

"I christened my car 'Lizzie' the other day. At the same time another fellow christened his 'Yellow Devil'.

"We bought a bottle of champagne, put it in two bottles and each broke one over our radiator. * * * Lizzie has never failed me yet and I hope she never will. Our lives sometimes depend on the care we take of our cars, so it will always be at our immediate service and be dependable at all times.

"This week I am a 'cuisine' (kitchen police). We take turns a week at a time, staying in camp, serving the meals and washing the dishes. It is a good rest, for we get very tired on 'poste'.

"I got a sweater, wristlets, sugar, maple sugar, from grandma and Bertha yesterday. I was glad of it, for there is nothing more welcome than candy and tobacco.

"I guess I shall be 21 years old by the time you get this. I am glad to say that I wanted to come here and risk my life, or would be glad to give it for God and my country, in the cause we are fighting for. If any of us must give up our lives for this cause, remember we are happy to do it.

"There are six inches of snow and it is cold here, but the bright moonlight nights are fine to drive in. Roland. "S. S. V. 525, Convoi Autos, Par BCM, France, Am. Ex. Forces."

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TALK OF THE TOWN

New spring goods at Abbott's.

Closing-out sale on lanterns and Perfection oil heaters. E. A. Prindle, Worthen block.

A. H. Swett has returned to his home in Orleans, after passing a few days in the city on business.

Old and young folks' dance, grange hall, South Barre, Thursday, Jan. 31. Everybody come. Refreshments.

Mrs. Paul D. Leavitt of East street has returned to the city, after a stay of several weeks in Somerville, Mass.

George R. Johnson left the city yesterday for Rouses Point, N. Y., where he was called by the death of a relative.

James Hastings of North Main street was able to be out of doors yesterday, after having been confined to the house by an attack of grip for the past week.

Arthur G. Miles of South Main street, who has been confined to the house by an attack of grip for the past week, was able to resume his duties in Miers' uptown barber shop yesterday.

Gerald Brock of Webster street, who has been employed for several months as a truck driver for W. A. Bradford, has resigned his position to take employment in the hardware store of C. W. Averill & Co.

Tonight at Merle's academy and in the Eagles' hall the series of Barre and Montpelier will come together for another of their series in bowling, billiards, pool and cards. The playing is to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Of course you're planning to attend the lecture by Rev. Keeling on "An Englishman's Adventures Away from Home" next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist church. Ladies having sunshine bags are requested to bring them in. Admission, 10c.

There will be a regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. State Deputy George F. Baldwin will be present and makes a special request to the members to be present on that night. Social entertainment after the meeting.

All Liberty bonds, except registered bonds of the second loan, purchased through the People's National bank, are ready for delivery. Interest on the converted bonds of the first loan has been collected, added to those having accounts and checks made out for the others. These checks may be had by calling at the bank. Receipts must be surrendered before delivery of bonds.

Down to the capital journeyed the Barre pipe and drum band last evening to play for a K. of C. war fund rally in the city hall. Sharp weather wrought a prescription on the wearing of the kilts, but the showing made by the musicians suffered not a bit from the absence of their picturesque garb, and they received one of the most spontaneous ovations tendered them in many a day.

Barre teachers are to co-operate with the federal authorities in handling matters arising out of the questionnaire as the result of action taken at a recent meeting. The teachers in the grades as well as in the high school were asked to answer a question as to whether they would be willing to assist in filling out copies of the questionnaire if their services are needed. The response was almost unanimous.

Raymond H. Eastman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eastman of 9 Eastern avenue, who has enlisted as a landsman electrician (radio) in class 4, G. S., of the U. S. N. R. F., having received his assignment to duty, left the city this noon for Boston, where he is to report to-morrow at 10 a. m. to the district recruiting officer at the navy yard. He expects to be transferred immediately to the United States naval radio school at Harvard university.

William L. Hanna of Orange, who composes war poetry while other people sleep, called on friends in the city yesterday. He has recently completed a set of pastoral stanzas on the war, which he has added to an anthology of verse compiled on his home farm. Some of his lines have found their way into print, and while Mr. Hanna is not strong on metre, he is particularly happy in his choice of words and a number of people have been entertained by his recitations.

Taking advantage of the opportunity offered by the closing of the city schools, owing to the fact that the convention of the Winoochi Valley Teachers' association is to be held to-morrow at Montpelier, members of the senior class are completing plans for holding their annual sleighride, which will be held this evening. Conveyed by three large barges procured from the Pugin lot stable, about 60 of the class are to set out with the grange hall at East Montpelier as their destination. Members of the junior and sophomore classes are preparing to hold a reception at the Spaulding chapel this evening.

A Franklin, N. H., dispatch states that a private named John L. Johnson from Fort Ethan Allen was arrested in that town on a charge of desertion, although inquiry here among people who have interested themselves in the number of enlistments from Barre does not bear out the claim that the young man's home is in this city. The dispatch states: "Corporal Alva C. Pierson came here yesterday from Fort Ethan Allen and returned with John L. Johnson, arrested here Saturday as a deserter. Johnson had enlisted four days when he secured a 48-hour leave 12 days ago and failed to return. Corporal Pierson says Johnson objected to taking a bath and was given a 'squad bath' by fellow soldiers, who applied army soap and scrub brushes. After the bath Johnson vanished. He was posing here as a lieutenant and visited a local mill saying he was looking for slackers. His home is in Barre, Vt."

The president of the Barre Woman's club asks the members to learn the following stanza, so as to be able to sing it at the close of each meeting:

God save our splendid men;
Send them safe home again—
God save our men.
Make them victorious,
Faithful and chivalrous;
They are so dear to us—
God save our men.

PLAINFIELD.

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EAST BARRE.

Moving pictures, opera house, Friday evening, Feb. 1. Marguerite Clark in "Molly Make Believe," also a comedy. adv.

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One table of Gingham; this lot of standard Gingham at 20c per yard.

One table of Standard Yard-wide Percale, in both light and dark colors, at 19c per yard.

One table of remnants.

One lot of Crepe Toilet Paper that later will be 10c; this lot at 5c per roll.

Anything that you buy in our basement in the way of Muslim Underwear will prove to be a saving.

One lot of Toilet Soap; these later will be double in price; this lot at 9 and 10c per cake. Palmolive Soap at 10c while this lot lasts.

The Daylight Store

TALK OF THE TOWN

Advertising new spring goods at Abbott's.

A daughter, weighing 10 pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan of Hillsdale avenue Jan. 26.

W. A. Harvey and M. G. Towne of Windsor were among the business visitors in the city yesterday and to-day.

James McDonald of Merchant street returned last evening from North Adams, Mass., where he has been spending the past few days on a short business visit.

Oscar Martinson arrived last evening from Boston, where he is enrolled in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to spend a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ida Martinson of Perrin street.

Word was received by C. A. Caron of Beckley court yesterday from James Conn of Melrose, Mass., who was formerly employed as a night baker at the City bakery, announcing that he had enlisted in the U. S. navy a few days ago. Mr. Conn is the second baker from the City bakery to have enlisted in some branch of service, William Riddell, who is at present in the British army, being the other one.

Rev. Lewis C. Carson, Ph. D., pastor of the Church of the Messiah in Montpelier, is the next speaker to appear before the Men's club of the First Presbyterian church, which has scheduled one of its monthly meetings for Tuesday evening. The speaker's address on "The Holy Land" will be accompanied by a series of stereopticon slides.

The story of a German alien who sought to remove the possibilities of finger-print identification by holding his finger tips on a rapidly revolving grindstone has been investigated by the local police, and the report seems to be well authenticated. Soon after the escape of the grindstone the alien appeared at police headquarters under the misapprehension that the time set for registration had arrived. The police advised him differently, and the man departed, but his strange action was reported to the federal authority and an official investigation is said to be under way. The alien in question is a young painter who has given the authorities a good deal of trouble ever since the draft law was enforced.

Not the least among difficulties which are confronting lumbermen this winter is the deep snow in the woods, and while the shortage of choppers and teams is of paramount importance, the work of moving thousands of feet of lumber and many cords of wood has been materially retarded by the heavy snowfall. Among the timber barons of this vicinity who find themselves seriously handicapped by the accumulation of snow is Anthony Tomasi, who states that chopping operations in his Berlin woodlot are practically at a standstill. Many logs are being removed to the mill, but the choppers find it almost impossible to work in the woods, and for the time being the entire force is being concentrated at Mr. Tomasi's mill. The proprietor's oldest son, John Tomasi, a recent graduate of Spaulding high school, is in charge of the lumbering operations while Mr. Tomasi attends to business matters here in the city.

THE LIBRARY CONTROVERSY.

Acts of German Propagandists Are Criticized.

(By Marion Anthony Smith of the Vigilantes.)

During our days of inglorious neutrality, when it was still presumed that there were two sides to the international situation, a number of books and pamphlets found their way into the public libraries which were in effect special pleas for Germany's aims and conduct in the war. Active propagandists took the opportunity of presenting their publications to the libraries, and having them placed on the shelves as documents of timely interest. And it did not always occur to the librarians to remove these things, even after our own stand was taken last April. Sometimes their presence was sanctioned on the ground of liberty of thought, freedom of speech written or spoken, or a just comprehension of the spirit that we were fighting against.

The contention of The Vigilantes is that these arguments, though expressing certain fundamental truths, are not applicable in the present crisis. Books that deal with pre-war history, or explain the psychology of the combatants; authoritative works, or governmental documents, must of course be on view; but the things that can be called special pleas, that condone or explain away inhuman deeds and breaches of national honor, or that grossly misrepresent nations and peoples, and distort facts, should not be publicly sanctioned, particularly while this country is justly at war. As to freedom of thought—Germany's acts during the war are the best interpreters of her thoughts; and to excuse these acts is to abandon all moral standards. We would not allow a propaganda of secret vice or open crime to remain in any place to which our children have free access; nor should we leave open to untrained persons a series of false statements calculated to undermine patriotism, courage, and clear convictions.

A small pamphlet in a local library, discovered by a member of The Vigilantes, opened up the subject. Two libraries were investigated, and certain objectionable relics of neutrality were promptly removed by the librarians. The real controversy began with the free public library of Newark, New Jersey, where the librarians and trustees voted to ignore the protest against such books. The significance of this controversy may be revealed by some quotations from the works in question. First we have the open advocacy of Germany, her ways and her rulers, as freely expressed as at the beginning of the war. Dr. Edmund von Mach, in "Germany's Point of View," thus extols the Kaiser:

"If God gives victory to the German-Austrian arms, complete and all-pervading victory, as we all pray He may, even those of us who are not German, provided we care more for culture of civilized humanity than for national vanity—then, and only then, Europe will enjoy a hundred years of peace, and the wish of the great and good prince, who has been so shamefully betrayed by his fellow princes, will yet be fulfilled, more gloriously even and in a manner which will exonerate Germany in the face of many slanderous falsehoods. And he will be called the 'emperor of peace,' even more

appropriately, for, with the help of God, he will have achieved this state of peace as his very own handiwork."

Eduard Meyer, in "England and the War Against Germany," declares that "Germany's war against England is at the same time a war for the liberation of the seas, and for the true independence of nations."

In a thick volume of "The European War," by Anthony Arnoux, the invasion of Belgium is elaborately justified, and the assertion made that atrocities equal to those of Germany have been committed in every war, even including our seizure of Vera Cruz! And this implied accusation of our brave and patient sailors, in that brief conflict, is to remain open to young and ignorant readers, as a truth about American warfare!

The condemned list includes, to our shame, books by American writers, put forth in some cases by prominent American publishers. The New York Tribune, which is strongly upholding The Vigilantes in their campaign against this form of enemy propaganda, points out that while "The Masses" has been suppressed, and Max Eastman's pro-German articles have been forbidden the mails, a volume of these very writings, under the title of "Understanding Germany," is now on view in the Newark library, where all may have the "benefit" of their extraordinary perversions of fact and sentiment. Says this young American:

"The sinking of the Lusitania was 'reasonable' enough, and it was not more inhuman than many outrages in the history of other wars. England has committed Lusitania-sized atrocities."

He adds that England's ruling classes "are not more humane; they merely know better." And he thus nonchalantly dismisses the atrocities:

"All these revered one-eyed commissions of investigation have established beyond a shadow of a doubt that German soldiers have committed atrocities. But have they established that allied soldiers did not? Ever since the ideal of human kindness extending beyond the tribe got hold of man's mind, it has been used in wartime to condemn the enemy and his friends as brutal. We have no worse opinion of the Kaiser than the South Sea of Sherman."

This is the material which the Newark librarian has elected to retain, not in the reference room, but on the open shelves. And in this decision the trustees—with one exception—have sustained him. And the above is only a small part of what we find, neatly sandwiched in between loyal and truthful statements of things as they are. There also Frank Harris waves his flag of truce with Germany in place of the flag of his country; and there the Sinn-Feiners proclaim their preference for the rule of the Hun. And it is hardly to be supposed that Newark

is the only offender in this respect. The Tribune is pursuing its investigations and verifying its assertions in regard to these books with significant quotations from their pages. More power to it! If we are to keep up our courage, hope and faith in this terrible conflict, we must try to guard weak and wavering minds from subtle undermining influences. A "pull all together" is the only way to win. Let us see whether these great educational institutions, the free libraries, are pulling heartily with us in the direction of our country's action and our country's sacrifice.

TOLD TO BURN WOOD.

St. Albans Block Owners Advised By Local Fuel Committee.

St. Albans, Jan. 31.—Following a meeting of the local fuel committee held yesterday, owners of all business blocks in the city were notified that the situation was so serious that they must supplement their coal supply with wood. They were requested to burn no coal during the day. Last week local dealers distributed 300 tons of coal, which is about the average amount used, depending, of course, somewhat on the severity of the weather. At the end of the week less than 800 tons remained on hand. Some shipments are being received but not large amounts.

The fuel committee is of the opinion that enough wood can be secured to cope with the situation although it is somewhat difficult to find it. One business block has burned no coal for some time. Another owner has a car nearly loaded at East Swanton and will probably soon be in position to use wood altogether. Others have supplemented coal with wood for some time.

NORTH MONTPELIER.

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MACKEREL, all sizes, per lb.	25c
HADDIES, per lb.	20c
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